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## Alabama Approved for Federal Disaster Assistance in Five Additional Counties

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Press Release

MONTGOMERY— Governor Robert Bentley on Thursday announced Alabama has received approval for federal disaster assistance in response to severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding that moved through Alabama on April 28th and 29th.

“The recovery process is just beginning for many Alabama communities, and this federal aid help will ensure Alabamians have resources available to rebuild their lives from the severe weather outbreak,” Governor Robert Bentley said. “I appreciate FEMA’s quick response in approving the additional counties for disaster assistance. We will continue to work to ensure Alabamians have every resource available to rebuild from the April storms.”

The declaration enables individual citizens in the affected counties of Blount, DeKalb, Etowah, Mobile and Tuscaloosa to apply for Individual Assistance. Assistance can include money for temporary housing and home repairs, and for other serious disaster-related needs, such as medical and dental expenses or funeral and burial costs. Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration may also be available to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance.

Disaster survivors have several ways to apply for federal assistance:

- Online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) any time day or night.
- By phone at 1- 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 1- 800-462-7585. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. local time, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.
- Via smartphone or tablet at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov).

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